Road Construction Updates

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Nov. 20 - Dec. 4, 2011: Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks

Plan carefully to maximize your fun and minimize your delays during your visit to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. We appreciate your patience during ongoing road construction projects. Our construction season is short, and the work is necessary for everyone's safety. Please call 559-565-3341 (press 1, 1, 1) for the latest road updates.

How Can You Minimize Delays?

- Give yourself plenty of time to visit.
- Stop by one of our visitor centers, and ask a ranger to help you plan your visit.
- Visit our park website for major road construction updates: www.nps.gov/seki

Where are the Biggest Delays or Inconveniences?

If you plan to enter or exit Sequoia National Park, you will find 20-minute to 2-hour delays between the Hwy. 198 entrance to Sequoia National Park and the Giant Forest (11 miles inside the park) or on your way to the General Sherman Tree, the largest giant sequoia tree in the world. You may encounter additional 5-15 minute delays for other road projects in both parks with occasional temporary road, parking, and campground closures. Schedules may change with little notice.

How Can I Avoid the Biggest Delays/Closures and See the Big Trees?

DAY WORK (2-hour delays weekdays only)

(Monday - Tuesday) Nov. 21 - 22, and (Monday - Thursday) Nov. 28 - Dec. 1 Traffic passes through construction zone at:

- 6 a.m. 7 a.m. (20-minute delays) Every 20 minutes on green light
- 8 a.m. 4 p.m. (2-hour delays) Every two hours at: 8 & 10 a.m. and 12, 2 & 4 p.m.
- 5 p.m. 9 p.m. (20-minute delays): Every 20 minutes on green light

(Wednesday) Nov. 23, Traffic passes through construction zone at:

- 6 a.m. 7 a.m. (20-minute delays) Every 20 minutes on green light
- 8 a.m. 12 p.m. (1-hour delays) Every hour at: 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

(Thursday - Sunday) Nov. 24 - 27, (Holiday Schedule) Traffic passes through construction zone:

• Every 20 minutes on green light. From 12 noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23, until 6 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28. no road work.

(Friday) Dec. 2, Traffic passes through construction zone at:

- 6 a.m. 7 a.m. (20-minute delays) Every 20 minutes on green light
- 8 a.m. 2 p.m. (2-hour delays) Every two hours at: 8 & 10 a.m. and 12 & 2 p.m.
- 2 p.m. 9 p.m. (20-minute delays) Every 20 minutes on green light

NIGHT WORK

(Sunday - Tuesday) Nov. 20 - 22, From 9 p.m. Sun. until 6 a.m. Tue., traffic passes thru construction zone at 11:30 p.m. (Wednesday - Monday) Nov. 23 - 28, From 12 noon on Wed. until 6 a.m. Mon. no road work, 20-min. delays.

WEEKENDS/TIMES NOT LISTED 20-minute delays with signal lights and/or flaggers.

RVs & TRAILERS

The main road (Generals Highway) to the General Sherman Tree, Giant Forest, and Lodgepole is <u>closed to vehicles longer than 22 feet (total combined length)</u> shortly after the Sequoia National Park entrance. Longer vehicles should enter and exit the parks via Hwy. 180 at Kings Canyon National Park.

MOTORCYCLES & BICYCLES

Road project work may cause slick, oily, and hazardous road conditions. Slow down and be safe!